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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Sokawa *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/910,406

FILED: July 19, 2001

FOR: **COMPOSITION FOR TREATMENT OF AND METHOD
OF MONITORING HEPATITIS C VIRUS USING
INTERFERON-TAU**

EXAMINER: WORTMAN, DONNA C.

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Amendment in Response to Restriction Requirement

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 12, 16 and 17, without prejudice.

REMARKS

In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner divided the claims into the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-11 and 13-15, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising ovine interferon tau, classified in class 424, subclass 85.4;

II. Claims 12, drawn to a pharmaceutical composition comprising ovine interferon tau and ribavirin in combination, classified in class 514, subclass 43, e.g. and;